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SUBJECT: 31ST UNGA: FOURTH COMMITTEE: TANZANIAN STATEMENT ON  
SOUTHERN RHODESIA

1. SUMMARY: TANZANIAN REPRESENTATIVE MWASAKAFYUKA DELIVERED  
STATEMENT ON SOUTHERN RHODESIA AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 8. HE  
STATED UK MUST REASSERT ITS AUTHORITY OVER RHODESIA AND THAT  
IN THE CURRENT GENEVA TALKS THE UK MUST NOT ACT AS A MEDIATOR  
BUT AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY DETERMINED TO TRANSFER  
POWER TO THE MAJORITY. SPEAKING OF MAJORITY RULE, HE DECLARED  
ALL POWER MUST BE TRANSFERRED TO THE NATIONALISTS. HE ALSO  
URGED THE REVOCATION OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT BY THE US. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE OUTSET OF HIS STATEMENT, TANZANIAN REP SAID HIS  
COUNTRY WOULD PREFER THE PEACEFUL LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE IF  
POSSIBLE, BUT THAT THE ARMED STRUGGLE WOULD BE INTENSIFIED  
IF ALL ALTERNATIVE PEACEFUL METHODS FAILED. HE DECLARED THAT  
THE ARMED STRUGGLE HAD MADE THE GENEVA TALKS POSSIBLE.

3. TURNING TO HIS COUNTRY'S EXPECTATIONS OF THE GENEVA

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TALKS, HE SAID THE UK MUST REASSERT ITS AUTHORITY OVER

RHODESIA AND NOT PLAY JUST "SOME ROLE". IN LINE WITH THIS, HE URGED THE UK NOT TO ACT AS A MEDIATOR IN THE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT AS THE ADMINISTERING AUTHORITY DETERMINED TO TRANSFER POWER TO THE MAJORITY. HE WARNED THAT IAN SMITH SHOULD NOT BE GIVEN UNDUE ATTENTION.

4. TANZANIAN REP FURTHER STATES THAT THE TRANSFER OF CONTROL TO THE MAJORITY MUST OCCUR AT THE TIME OF THE CREATION OF AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT AND NOT AFTER INDEPENDENCE. HE DEFINED MAJORITY RULE AS A TRANSFER OF ALL POWER TO THE NATIONALISTS AND EMPHASIZED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO SHARING OF POWER WITH THE MINORITY REGIME.

5. WITH REGARD TO SANCTIONS, MWASAKAFYUKA DECLARED THAT THEY MUST BE INTENSIFIED, AND HE CALLED UPON THE US TO REVOKE THE BYRD AMENDMENT. HE SAID ITS REVOCATION WOULD DEAL A STRONG PSYCHOLOGICAL BLOW TO THE SMITH REGIME. FURTHERMORE, THE US MUST TAKE SOME PRACTICAL ACTION AGAINST THE SMITH GOVERNMENT SINCE US STATEMENTS, WHICH HE TERMED USEFUL, WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT TO BRING ABOUT ITS DOWNFALL. HE NOTED THAT SMITH HOPED THAT HIS ANTI-COMMUNISM WOULD GAIN US SUPPORT FOR HIS POSITION.  
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